has not yet started, as the inter-banking arrangements are in the process of being put in place. Exports from India to the Republics of the erstwhile Soviet Union including to Russia, however, have continued to flow. In order that the two way trade takes place on a sound footing, the Russian Government have been advised to export items listed in the trade protocol to India so as to generate funds for payment of exports to that country on a continuing basis.

Decline in exports to Russian States

103. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export to Russia and other former USSR states has declined;

(b) what items are to be exported to Russian States during the current year; and

(c) what is the financial arrangement vis-a-vis Ruee Rouble rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decline.

(b) The items of export to the Russian Federation during the current year include agricultural products, chemical and allied products, leather & leather manufacturers, textiles etc.

(c) In so far as to the current trade protocol with Russia and other Republics of the erstwhile USSR are concerned, all contracts are to be denominated in freely convertible international currencies. The Rupee-Rouble rate has no relevance in this regard.

Frozen telephone exchanges in Delhi

104. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of telephone exchanges in Delhi which have been frozen and since when each such telephone exchange is lying frozen; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to defreeze these exchanges and by when each of these telephone exchange is likely to be defrozen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A statement furnishing the required information is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Steps are being taken to defreeze these exchanges during the current financial year progressively subject to availability of material resources particularly exchange equipments.

Statement

Details of Frozen Exchanges as on 31-3-1992

Name of the Exchange	Shift provided upto (Date of Shift applied)	Committed Cases cleared upto (date of registration)
1	2	3
Kidwai Bhawan	1-2-92	7-4-92
Jor Bagh	1-1-92	7-3-92
Lodi Road	30-6-90	30-6-90
Rohini (Sector III)	31-8-89	22-11-91

1	2	3
Yamuna Vihar	30-6-91	17-2-92
Okhla	30-6-91	31-3-92
Vasant Kunj	20-3-92	31-3-92
Sena Bhavan	16-1-92	16-1-92
Alipur	10-3-92	10-3-92
Janakpuri	15-1-92	Current
Paschim Vihar	10-3-92	Current

Yield of tea

105. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the average per hectafe yield of tea during the last three yearsfi year-wise;

(b) what are the comparative figures of other tea producing countries; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the yield of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The average per hectare yield during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Yield (Kg./Ha.)
1989	1652
1990	1707*
1991	1761*

*Estimated.

(b) The average yield of tea per ha. in the major tea producing countries of the world during 1989 and 1990 is as follows:

(Kg./ha.)

Country	1989	1990
Sri Lanka	936	1055
Bangladesh	824	946
Indonesia	1092	1162
Kenya	2063	2031
Japan	1534	1537

(c) The Tea Board has been operating various developmental schemes for increasing tea production and productivity. These schemes provide for long-term loan, subsidy and grants-in-aid for the purpose of new planting, replanting, rejuvenation and infilling, creation of irrigation facilities, procurement of processing machineries, etc.

Export target of Gems and Jewellery

106. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the target and actuals of export of gems and jewellery during the last five years;

(b) what is the element of import content in these exports;